

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMERCE AND REVENUE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 303, State Capitol Building

January 31, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chairman
Rep. Chad E. Bennion, Co-Chairman
Sen. John Valentine
Rep. Eli Anderson
Rep. Ty McCartney
Rep. Mike Morley
Rep. J. Morgan Philpot
Rep. Peggy Wallace

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Leonard Blackham
Sen. Ed Mayne
Rep. Katherine M. Bryson

STAFF PRESENT: Stan Eckersley, Fiscal Analyst
Barbara Hilbert, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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Rep. Bennion called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2003 meeting.
The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Anderson absent for the vote.

Sen. Jenkins brought up several questions about the State Tax Commission budget shortfall from FY 2003 and a discussion followed. He stated that there were two choices: 1) raise fees; or 2) increase the appropriation from the transportation fund and change the cap. Sen. Jenkins has filed two bills, one to deal with the choices stated. A decision will be made today by the committee.

Rod Marrelli, State Tax Commission, responded to questions from the committee and commented on the impact of losing \$4,000,000 on motor vehicle operations.

MOTION: Rep. Philpot moved that the committee supports requesting money from the Transportation budget and raise the cap to \$15.6M..

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved that the committee:

- a) Reduce the \$11,600,000 cap by \$5.8M, so the new cap is \$5.8M;
- b) Remove the State Tax Commission from the statutory cap;
- c) Appropriations would be \$9,857,400 for FY 2004 from the Transportation Fund to the State Tax Commission; and
- d) The bill that Sen. Jenkins is sponsoring will change the cap, take the State Tax Commission out of the cap, and restrict Tax Commission appropriations to the cost of collecting Transportation Funds.

The substitute motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Morley moved to accept the Analyst's recommendations and approve the preliminary FY 2004 State Tax Commission budget, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Analyst, Stan Eckersley, presented FY 2004 budget recommendations for the Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Prior to discussion of their budget to the Committee, Fiscal Analyst, Stan Eckersley, administered the oath to John Nixon and Raylene Ireland of the Department of Workforce Services.

Mr. Nixon and Ms. Ireland discussed the handouts (on file) and responded to the recommendations and questions from committee members. They were appreciative and thanked the analyst for the work completed. Werner Haidenthaller and Sarah Brenna, Workforce Services, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

Karen Silver, an advocate of the Salt Lake City Community Action Program distributed and discussed a letter from individuals receiving assistance (on file).

Prior to speaking to the committee, Fiscal Analyst, Stan Eckersley, administered the oath to Bill Tippitts, Crossroads Urban Center and Don Ferguson, who lives at the shelter. Mr. Tippitts and Mr. Ferguson were both speaking on the critical need of the General Assistance Fund.

MOTION: Rep. Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Bennion adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair

Rep. Chad E. Bennion, Co-Chair